

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2013
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Ridgewood News***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present
Councilman Stylianou-absent
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Hayes
Second: Councilman Riquelme
All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy
Second: Councilman Riquelme
All in favor.
Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky
Second: Councilman Brophy
All in favor.

Administrator's Report

Representatives from FEMA were here last Wednesday to discuss debris removal and Friday to discuss everything else. The cost for debris removal will probably be between \$480,000 and \$500,000. The Borough will most likely be reimbursed for 75% of that.

A successful recycling program was presented at Grant, Honiss and Lincoln schools.
TwinBoro Field should be ready for use June 1, 2013.

A meeting between representatives of the engineering firms T&M and Remington Vernick was facilitated. The West Shore Avenue project was discussed and documents as well as plans changed hands. The Depew Street project documents were also made available to Remington Vernick.

NJEIT Phase II updates were received by Tomco. Today they were working on both garages.

The Borough is part of the lawsuit against Verizon for the loss of tax revenue amounting to \$160,000 per year. The issue is how Verizon reached the 51% number needed in order to curtail paying property taxes and whether there is documentation to support it. Mr. Perkins reached out to our state representatives.

PSE&G will be upgrading the lighting at Memorial Park and will also evaluate the lights at the tennis courts.

Mr. Perkins is looking into the use of credit cards to pay taxes and court fines. There would most likely be a usage fee charged to the residents, however. People can actually go online now and arrange to have their banks make payments to the tax office. This past month we received one hundred such payments.

As a result of the cancellation of the League of Municipalities conference, JIF is offering an online training program. The Borough receives a \$250 credit for each elected and appointed official who takes the online training.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Shade Tree Commission

The Commission held a seminar January 28th. Two tree experts were present to answer residents' questions and concerns.

Finance

The committee has had four meetings. The Borough was \$2,000,000 over the 2% cap. The committee is reviewing the budget line by line. They have two proposals so far. One would be to disband the municipal ethics board, which would save money. Councilman Brophy feels that if there was a complaint it would be better to have strangers hearing it rather than neighbors. There was a question as to whether residents could file a complaint with the County or would have to go to the Local Finance Board in Trenton. There are very few towns that have a municipal ethics board. An ordinance would be required if the Council decides to disband the Board. A second proposal is to outsource the welfare department, which is another program duplicated by the County.

- Councilman Carrick

The Councilman had questions about the DPW Generator bid. The specifications will be provided to him tomorrow.

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

They had their reorganization meeting on January 29th. New members were sworn in. The professionals from last year were reappointed. The St. Mary's Residence parking issue is ongoing. More permits were issued than spaces available.

The Councilman asked about the parking at Shadyside. Mr. Perkins responded that there are enough spaces available for residents. They just have to ask for a permit from the landlord. Mr. Perkins will double check tomorrow.

Councilman Carrick questioned the permit parking ordinance. There is permit parking now in front of Mr. Bergin's house on Washington Street.

- Councilman Riquelme

Library

The officers are the same as last year. They have budget concerns.

DPW

Saturday he, Councilman Hayes and Mr. Perkins met with the superintendent and mechanics. They discussed certain capital items that are needed.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Ambulance Corps & Fire Department

The Councilwoman met with each to discuss their budgets.

Recreation

Councilwoman Zamechansky, Mayor Kelly, Mrs. Totten and Lt. Conner met with the Board of Education regarding safety issues. They came up with safeguards for recreation programs held at the schools. However, there has been opposition from coaches.

There is a question as to who has the say over money and facilities. Even though the town provides the funds, Recreation makes the decision as to what to do with the money for the parks and recreation.

Mr. Paster explained that according to state statute, if Dumont had a Recreation Committee as opposed to a Commission, things would work differently.

There also must be minutes taken at work sessions of the Commission, which are also public meetings. The Mayor will let them know.

The Councilwoman stated that according to ordinance, if there is a vacancy on the Recreation Commission, the position shall be Mayoral appointment with Council consent for the unexpired term only. One of the alternates has stepped down. She asked Mr. Correa and Ms. Totten for suggestions. They suggested someone who is experienced. Janet Galligan was one of the suggestions to fill the vacant alternate position. The Mayor said that if anyone on the Council has suggestions, to let him know.

Chamber of Commerce

The Councilwoman attended a blood drive which was held Saturday. The Police Department co-sponsors it. Lt. Conner was there all day.

Senior Citizens

Mardi Gras party to be held February 12th and their Valentine's party February 14th.

Councilman Carrick stated that for a couple of years the Governing Body has offered to help pay for OSHA-approved coats for the Ambulance Corps. They have not gotten them because they did not like the color.

Mayor's Report

No report

Attorney's Report

Mr. Paster stated that there has been little activity for the NJEIT Phase II Drainage project other than some telephone inquiries from residents regarding the use of their easement areas.

A deed notice that there has been environmental remediation performed on Twinboro Field has to be recorded. He will prepare a memo and resolution for the next meeting.

Mr. Paster is still awaiting revisions to the contract for the red light camera RFP.

There were some questionable items in the low bid for the DPW generator. They are still under review and he has been having discussions with the Borough engineer. The fourth lowest bidder sent an objection letter. The first and third low bidders did not include a plumbing and gas subcontractor with their bid. The engineer is researching whether this is a fatal flaw. The other question was that there was no brand name included; however none of the companies included a brand name. The bid called for a brand name or equivalent.

Councilman Carrick asked for volunteers for the Memorial Day Parade. He also suggested a softball game between the Council and Ambulance Corps following the parade as a fundraiser. The police and fire department did not want to participate last year.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss personnel-police department.

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second; Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk